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SUBJ: LABOR M.P. CRITICIZES GOM IN PARLIAMENT

REX: VALLETTA 1189

1. SPEAKING ON ADJOURNMENT JULY 10, LABOR M.P. JOE MICALLEF STAFRACE SPOKE HIGHLY CRITICALLY ON GOM'S POLICY ON BEACH CONCESSIONS WHICH IN ONE CWSE RESULTED IN A REDUCTION OF SERVICES TO PUBLIC AND IN ANOTHER A CONCESSION WAS GRANTED DIRECTLY TO A "NOBODY" WITHOUT CALL FOR TENDERS. HE CHARACTERIZED THIS POLICY AS STUPID AND A GREAT FLOP.

2. RESPONDING TO INTERRUPTIONS FROM HIS LABOR COLLEAGUES, M-S SAID THAT JUST BECAUSE ONE WAS A LABOR MEMBER ONE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE A FOOL. HE SAID THAT HE IS LOYAL TO THE LABOR PARTY (AS HE SAID AFTER RESIGNING AS MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY) BUT NOT AN IDIOT.

3. M-S'S REMARKS FOLLOWED AN UNUSUALLY ACTIVE DEBATE ON THE REFERENDUM BILL (VALLETTA 1327) DURING WHICH THE OPPOSITION

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WAS CRITICAL OF THE NEED FOR THE BILL, AND PARTICULARLY OF THE

PROVISION FOR SELECTION OF ASSISTANT ELECTORAL COMMISSIONERS,  
WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE REFERENDUM BOOTHS, BY EACH POLITICAL  
PARTY. (NATIONAL ELECTION ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS ARE  
CHOSEN INDEPENDENTLY BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION.)

4. COMMENT: MICALLEF STAFRACE HAS BEEN CONTINUING HIS SERIES  
OF ARTICLES CRITICAL OF GOM IN THE GWU WEEKLY, IT-TORCA, AND  
HIS ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GOM IN PARLIAMENT REFLECT CON-  
SIDERABLE DISSATISFACTION AMONG LABOR BACK-BENCHERS FOR BEING  
COMPLETELY LEFT OUT OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT'S DECISION-  
MAKING PROCESSES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS  
DISSATISFACTION MEANS THAT THE MINTOFF GOVERNMENT IS IN ANY  
IMMEDIATE DANGER.  
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